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Mrs. Mary Lasker
Hotel Ritz
Paris, France

Dear Mrs. Lasker,

I was terribly sorry to miss seeing you in New York. For technical reasons in connection with my wife's re-entry visa into Mexico I had to leave a day earlier than planned, and unfortunately in the two days I was in New York you were in Washington.

It would have been a pleasure to see you and to talk to you, but I am afraid that will have to wait until the spring when I plan to be in New York again. (Unless some time you decide after all to visit Mexico).

These five months of rest in Europe were really marvellous. I feel physically fine, and the absence of all pressure and obligations permitted me to think through many things afresh, and even to write part of a book.

The Near East crisis provided for some dramatic moments, but since I was convinced that the Israeli army with its much better technically educated soldiers would win, and that the Soviet Union would not want to risk a war, the feeling of crisis was greatly mitigated.

I am sorry we could not talk about Russell's autobiography, which is really a remarkable document. While he seems to have come under the influence of some fanatical young people recently, this does not detract from the picture of an immensely talented, courageous and independent mind. It is an interesting phenomenon how the British upper class can produce a spirit of independence, even though rarely, which has hardly its equal anywhere.

We are now staying at a slightly lower altitude than Cuernavaca, in the house of a friend, near Cuernavaca, and shall stay here for about 2 weeks.

I hope you will have a very pleasant time in France. It would be a pleasure to hear from you.

With all good wishes and warm regards,

Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Erich Fromm".

Erich Fromm